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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DUNAND ET AL.

Examiner

Adolfo Nino

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 6 and 7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/28/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

***Drawings***

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: free end 60a; "pigtail" 86; end 116a; braid 116; and end 124. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.121(d)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Specification***

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The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Page 8, some of the reference numbers are wrong.

Page 8, line 17, "the portion 90", what portion 90? Reference number 90 is designated to be wall 90.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1 and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, line 8, between "said " and "braid" insert ---shielding---.

Claim 1, line 14, replace "said harness braid" with ---the braid of said harness---.

Claim 1, line 20, before "braid" insert ---shielding---.

Claim 5, line 2, replace "said harness end" with ---the end of the harness braid--- or similar wording.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2-4, 6 and 7 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claims 1-7, the cited prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the limitation of a harness system comprising at least one

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bundle of conductor cables surrounded by a tight braid wherein the system comprises: at least one portion of spare sheath comprising a flexible tube portion mounted in part inside the tight braid of the harness having a first end of said flexible tube opening out beyond the end of the braid of said harness, and the second end of the tube being external to said braid of the harness, passing through it, at least said portion of the flexible tube that is external to the braid of the harness being surrounded by a tight braid.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Watanabe (US 6,259,027 B1) discloses a compact wire harness. Renaud (US 6,255,584 B1) discloses a shielded bundle of electrical conductors. O'Brien et al. (US 5,973,265) disclose a wire harness with splice locations. O'Brien et al. (US 5,917,151) disclose multi-shot molds. Hoshino (US 5,444,182) discloses a wire harness connector cover. Steinberg (US 4,755,241) discloses a cable sealing. Varney (US 4,423,311) discloses an electric heating apparatus. Clabburn et al. (US 4,415,217) disclose a cable joining connector. Cole et al. (US 2,933,550) disclose an electrical wiring harness. Hanson (US 2,299,140) discloses a wire harness. Jore (US 2,036,414)

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discloses a method of grounding shielding tape at terminal of insulated conductors.


Luke (US 701,208) discloses a cable connection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adolfo Nino whose telephone number is (571) 272-1981. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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